

IMPORTANT STATEMENT OF MEDICAL NEED

A Medicaid spenddown should only be paid when your medical expenses are **MORE** than your spenddown. Otherwise, it is not cost-effective for you and your case should be closed.

If you request your case closed, you may reapply any time. You can apply for RETROACTIVE medical assistance that can cover expenses up to three months prior to the date you request help.

Before you spend down:

- check with your medical providers to make sure they accept Medicaid, and
- decide if your medical expenses are more than your monthly spenddown amount.

if you have an HMO, you may not use current month bills

READ CAREFULLY AND CHECK ONE OF THESE BOXES BEFORE YOU PAY!

For the month of: _____

- G** I DO expect my medical bills for this month to be **more** than my spenddown. **ENCLOSED IS MY PAYMENT.**
- G** I DO expect my medical bill for this month to be **more** than my spenddown. **I WILL PROVIDE PROOF OF MEDICAL BILLS BY THE 10TH OF NEXT MONTH.**
- G** I DO NOT expect my medical bills for this month to be more than my spenddown.

If you must pay health insurance premiums or medical expenses which will not be paid by your insurance company or by the medical card issued by our office, then you may be entitled to a special deduction that will DECREASE your spenddown.

Refunds - You may request a refund from Health Care Financing if your spenddown is more than coverage month's medical expenses. Refunds will not be available for at least one year plus processing time from the month of medical coverage. Refunds will be reduced by any outstanding bills you owe Health Care Finance as well as any HMO premiums or Mental Health premiums that were paid in your behalf. The moment a spenddown is paid, a Mental Health premium and possibly an HMO premium are paid. Contact your Medicaid case manager if you need a refund.

Client Signature

Social Security Number

Date